

Sacramento NWR Complex 2004-05 Hunting Program
Changes and Highlights

September 2004

Procedures:

- The Sacramento NWR Complex hunting program will open on October 30, 2004
- Refill of blinds, ponds and free roam areas up to 3:00 pm will remain in effect
- Special Monday Pheasant Hunt, November 15 on Sacramento, Delevan and Colusa NWRs
- The use of shot size larger than a BB in non-toxic shot other than steel T is prohibited on public hunting areas

Sacramento NWR :

100' Regulation

- "Hunters must hunt within 100' of the blind" regulation will remain in effect
- Increase law enforcement and document hunter use and infractions
- A hunter will be banned from the hunt area for the day for the first offense; a hunter will be banned from the area for a period of time to be determined—remainder of the season or one year for the second offense
- If there are significant infractions, hunters may be required to stay in the blinds in the future
- A letter from the refuge manager regarding the 100' decision will be posted at the check station
- A staked area at the check station will be provided so hunters may pace off 100'

Other

- Kiosk lights have been installed
- Disabled boat access in the northeast corner of T38 is improved

Delevan NWR:

Assigned Ponds

- Blind 11 and 12A will be assigned ponds
- Process to access the assigned ponds and party size will remain the same
- The Delevan NWR hunting area map will be changed to reflect the new assigned ponds
- No pheasant hunting in the assigned ponds

Pontoon Hunting Blind

- New pontoon hunting boat blind available through the DFG reservation system and the lottery draw for hunters with disabilities
- It will be available for use in Tract 34.3
- The purchase of the new boat blind was shared by the Granite Bay Chapter of the Safari Club International and CWA's Disabled Sportman's Chapter

Kiosk

- Kiosk lights will be installed this hunting season

Colusa NWR:

Assigned Ponds

- Reservations will continue to be good for 2 adults and up to 2 juniors per adult.
- Party size will include up to two adult hunters and up to two juniors per adult.
Assigned ponds: 4-10 (6 ponds), P1 and P2.
 - P1 – 4 parties
 - P2 – 3 parties (2 disabled parties and 1 party that must include at least 1 junior hunter)
 - Ponds 4-10 – one party in each assigned pond (6 ponds)
- The pond assignment process will follow the same procedure as blind/hunt site assignments on Sacramento and Delevan NWRs, except for disabled hunters seeking access to P2
- The process for disabled hunter access to P2 will be accommodated through the DFG reservation draw for disabled accessible sites and then the check station lottery draw
- The ponds will be individually signed: “Assigned Pond” 4, 5, 7–10, P1 and P2 to correspond with the labeling system used for refuge management
- Directional signs will be placed from the appropriate parking areas: Parking C (Ponds 4-10) and Parking Area B (P1 and P2). Disabled hunters using P2 will use the current access out of the disabled parking area
- The Colusa NWR hunting area map will be changed to reflect the free roam and the assigned pond areas
- No pheasant hunting in assigned ponds
- Implement a special Monday pheasant hunt
- Free roam quotas: Westside 14; eastside 40
- Improve the disabled access in the NE corner of Pond 2
- Additional tule transplants will be placed in the free roam area
- New hunter information kiosks will be installed for next hunting season (including Sutter NWR)

Youth Hunts:

- In-season Junior Waterfowl Hunts: Sacramento NWR – Saturday, December 11th and Delevan NWR – Saturday, December 18th

Flood-up:

- Flood-up of the hunting area by the October 30th opener is expected to be as follows: Sacramento, 95%, Delevan 100%, Colusa 90-95% and Sutter 90%. Hunter quotas will be set accordingly.

